

Appointments:
CMSgt Daisy Jackson, Director,
Public Affairs
CMSgt Julianne Turrentine, Manager,
Singing Sergeants

Arrivals:
TSgt Brian J. Sands, Concert Band

Departures:
Captain Keith Bland, Staff Officer,
change of station
CMSgt Donna Abaira, Singing Sergeants,
retirement
CMSgt Robert Deitemeyer, Music Production,
retirement
CMSgt Dana Steinhauer, Public Affairs,
retirement

--MSgt Elizabeth Campeau

Other special annual events, unique to Washington, D.C., are supported on a rotating basis by the four resident premier military bands. They include the Pageant of Peace national Christmas tree and Menorah lighting at the Ellipse, and the Easter sunrise and Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery's amphitheater. If you ever have the opportunity to attend one of these special events, you're in for a treat.

All of the premier military bands sponsor recruiting booths, establishing an important and visible presence at the convention. The USAF Band uses this opportunity to interact with music educators, offering them a chance to receive our latest recordings to share with their students. It is an extremely effective method for reaching one of the Band's dearest audiences: tomorrow's professionals. The Band also produces posters, which feature a photo of various performing units, along with useful musical information. These are found hanging in school band rooms across the country, inspiring new generations of musicians.

The Midwest Clinic holds special significance for this writer, as my father was a music educator. Every year during my youth he would disappear for a few days and return with bags full of product samples, CDs, new equipment and most importantly, candy samples! As I got older and more serious about music, I started to attend the convention with my dad. For us, highlights of the convention were clinics by major jazz performers, such as Wynton Marsalis and Eddie Daniels, and the concert featuring one of the Washington, D.C. premier military bands. This concert was always so popular that a special room was set up with a closed-circuit television broadcast for those who couldn't get a seat in the packed ballroom. To help meet this demand, the Air Force Band gave two incredibly successful one-hour concerts as the featured military band last month.

For many members of the Concert Band, playing at the Midwest Clinic is truly one of the musical highlights of our careers. This performance, for an audience of industry peers and students, inspired the Band to play at its highest level, creating a memorable (some say magical) concert for audience and performers.

--TSgt Jeffrey T. Snavelly

The Concert Band will fend off the winter blahs with two exciting convention performances in January and February. In January, we will join forces with the Singing Sergeants and perform at the convention of the Colorado Music Educators Association in Denver, and in February, the Concert Band travels to Denton, Texas, to perform for the College Band Directors National Association convention at the University of North Texas. The Concert Band will be an active participant in the 35th annual Guest Artist Series at DAR Constitution Hall. Join us as the series begins in February. Check the calendar for details. - E.C.

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